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Assignment of lands to political sufferers.

* 280 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to starred question No. 295, dated 31st July 1952—

(*a*) the total extent of land handed over by the Government to the political sufferers up-to-date;

(*b*) the extent of such land taken away from the possession of the Harijans and other landless poor and granted to such political sufferers up-to-date;

(*c*) the extent of land handed back to the Government by the political sufferers; and

(*d*) the extent of such land, if any, granted to the Harijans and other landless poor during the said period?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) 39,210 acres up to 23rd June 1952.

" (*b*) 2,395 acres up to 23rd June 1952.

" (*c*) 359 acres up to 23rd June 1952.

" (*d*) Nil. "

Pay of elementary school teachers.

* 281 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government have received any memorandum recently from the Aided Elementary School Teachers' Union, Malabar, regarding the increase in their pay, allowances, etc., and if so, what action the Government have taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" The answer is in the affirmative. I have recently said that the Government do not at present find it possible to revise the scales of pay of teachers, in view of the heavy commitments involved which cannot be met owing to the financial stringency. However, the matter is receiving our continued anxious and sympathetic consideration."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN:—" Are Government aware of the fact that recently the Malabar aided elementary school teachers took a strike ballot and that the teachers are by a overwhelming majority in favour of a strike? If so, will the Government be pleased to redress the grievances of the aided elementary school teachers of Malabar and avert a possible strike? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" Apart from the threat of strike in Malabar, of which the Government have heard with regret, as I have already stated, the question is under our anxious and sympathetic consideration. "

SRI C. H. KANNAN:—" May I know the demands put forward by the teachers and what the Government have to say on each demand? "

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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"The question refers to representations regarding increase in their pay and allowances."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—"The Hon. Minister was kind enough to inform the House that due to the present financial position the question of increasing the scales of pay of teachers cannot be considered at present. Will the Government be pleased at least to implement the orders which they themselves issued four years ago—G.O. No. 1155 of 1947?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"Let not the hon. Member think that we undertook to pay the entire amount. The scale of pay was increased, no doubt. But the Government undertook to pay only a part of the pay, the rest having to be paid by the managements, and the managements failed to do it. In these circumstances, I have stated that the matter is under consideration."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—"Since the pay of elementary school teachers is very small and because these teachers are always clamouring for higher scales of pay, will the Government take steps to stop recruitment of elementary school teachers and retain only secondary grade teachers?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"I wonder how the proposal of the hon. Member solves the present problem."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—"ఇప్పుడు ఈ elementary school teachers కు యిస్తున్నటువంటి జీతము ఎంత ? వారు కోరేది ఎంత."

THE HON. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"ప్రస్తుతము ఈ టీచర్లకు యిస్తున్నది రూ 27 లు, జీతము రూ 19 లు డి.ఎ., వారు కావాలని కోరేది ఇంకను మూడు రూపాయలు. ఇదివరకు ఉన్నటువంటి G.O.ల సందర్భములను బట్టిన్నీ, రూల్సునుబట్టిన్నీ వారు యిచ్చిన వాగ్దానాలనుబట్టి జీతములో మూడు రూపాయలు private agencies యివ్వాలని కోరారు?"

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT ON THE REPORT OF THE KHOSLA COMMITTEE.

MR. SPEAKER:—"The Hon. the Leader of the Opposition has given notice of an adjournment motion to discuss a matter of urgent public importance. The motion reads as follows:— 3 p.m.

'I move that the business of the House do adjourn to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the decision of the Government, which

(1) was arrived at its Cabinet meeting on the 29th November 1952 and has now come to light, on the recommendations of the Khosla Committee without consulting the Opposition through its Leader, contrary to the promise made by the Government twice on the floor of the House;

(2) has enumerated an infructuous policy of having nothing to do with the Hyderabad Government in the matter of harnessing the Krishna Waters, although it is impracticable to do so, as the Krishna runs as a boundary between the Hyderabad and Madras States for over a length of 300 miles offering the only stretch for economic irrigation and power projects of national usefulness; and